IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for trading a photo mask used for manufacturing semiconductor devices, comprising:

a purchase mediating section configured to exchange information with a mask buyer through a network;

a factory mediating section configured to exchange information with a mask factory;

a manufacture order storing section configured to store a mask manufacture order, which is inputted through the purchase mediating section, and includes at least one of design specifications, a quantity, a desired delivery date, and examination specifications of a mask;

a line information storing section configured to store line information, which is inputted through the factory mediating section, and includes a processing ability state of a manufacturing line in the mask factory;

a price information storing section configured to store price information, which includes relationships between contents of mask manufacture orders and mask trading prices;

a calculating section configured to calculate an estimated price and an estimated delivery date of a mask product with reference to the price information and the line information, in response to the mask manufacture order;

a progress selecting section configured to transmit the estimated price and the estimated delivery date to the mask buyer through the purchase mediating section, and allow the mask buyer to select whether to proceed with manufacture of the mask or not; [and]

a manufacture instructing section configured to transmit the mask manufacture order to the mask factory through the factory mediating section, when proceeding with manufacture of the mask is selected;

an examination data storing section configured to store examination data of the mask

product manufactured in the mask factory, the examination data being inputted through the

factory mediating section;

an examination data transmitting section configured to transmit judgment data to the

mask buyer through the purchase mediating section, the judgment data including a coordinate

position and a dimension of a defect generated in the mask product retrieved from the

examination data; and

a purchase selecting section configured to allow the mask buyer, through the purchase

mediating section, to select, on the basis of the judgment data, whether to buy the mask

product or not, the purchase selecting section including a portion configured to allow the

mask buyer, through the purchase mediating section, to input a desired purchase price of the

mask product

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim [[3]] 1, wherein the

[examination] judgment data further includes an optical simulation image [of] obtained by the

mask product.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim [[2]] 1, further comprising:

a re-manufacture selecting section configured to allow the mask buyer, through the

purchase mediating section, to select, on the basis of the [examination] judgment data,

whether to re-manufacture the mask or not; and

a re-manufacture instructing section configured to instruct re-manufacture of the mask

to the mask factory through the factory mediating section, when re-manufacture of the mask

is selected.

8. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim [[2]] 7, further comprising:

a purchase selecting section configured to allow] the mask buyer, through the

purchase mediating section, to select, on the basis of the examination data, whether to buy the

mask product or not; and

a re-manufacture selecting section configured to allow the mask buyer, through the

purchase mediating section, to select, on the basis of the examination data, whether to re-

manufacture the mask or not, wherein the mask buyer is allowed to select purchase of the

mask and re-manufacture of the mask at the same time.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the line information stored in

the line information storing section is renewed with a latest line information inputted through

the factory mediating section every time a mask manufacture order is inputted.

11. (Currently Amended) A mask trading method of trading a photo mask used for

manufacturing semiconductor devices, using a system including a purchase mediating section

configured to exchange information with a mask buyer through a network, and a factory

mediating section configured to exchange information with a mask factory, the method

comprising:

storing a mask manufacture order, which is inputted through the purchase mediating

section, and includes at least one of design specifications, a quantity, a desired delivery date,

and examination specifications of a mask;

storing line information, which is inputted through the factory mediating section, and

includes a processing ability state of a manufacturing line in the mask factory;

storing price information, which includes relationships between contents of mask

manufacture orders and mask trading prices;

calculating an estimated price and an estimated delivery date of a mask product with

reference to the price information and the line information, in response to the mask

manufacture order;

transmitting the estimated price and the estimated delivery date to the mask buyer

through the purchase mediating section, and allowing the mask buyer to select whether to

proceed with manufacture of the mask or not; [and]

transmitting the mask manufacture order to the mask factory through the factory

mediating section, when proceeding with manufacture of the mask is selected;

storing examination data of the mask product manufactured in the mask factory, the

examination data being inputted through the factory mediating section;

transmitting judgment data to the mask buyer through the purchase mediating section,

the judgment data including a coordinate position and a dimension of a defect generated in

the mask product retrieved from the examination data; and

allowing the mask buyer, through the purchase mediating section, to select, on the

basis of the judgment data, whether to buy the mask product or not, and also allowing the

mask buyer, through the purchase mediating section, to input a desired purchase price of the

mask product.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[13]] 11, wherein the

[examination] judgment data further includes an optical simulation image [of] obtained by the

mask product.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[12]] 11, further

comprising:

allowing the mask buyer, through the purchase mediating section, to select, on the

basis of the [examination] judgment data, whether to re-manufacture the mask or not; and

instructing re-manufacture of the mask to the mask factory through the factory

mediating section, when re-manufacture of the mask is selected.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[12]] 17, further

comprising:

allowing the mask buyer, through the purchase mediating section, to select, on the

basis of the examination data, whether to buy the mask product or not; and

~~allowing the mask buyer, through the purchase mediating section, to select, on the~~

~~basis of the examination data, whether to re-manufacture the mask or not,~~

wherein the mask buyer is allowed to select purchase of the mask and re manufacture

of the mask at the same time.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Original) The method according to claim 11, further comprising renewing the

line information stored in the line information storing section with a latest line information,

which is inputted through the factory mediating section every time a mask manufacture order

is inputted.